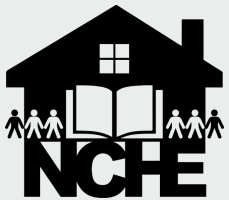


Welcome to our Partners!

The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth
SchoolHouse Connection
National Network for Youth (NN4Y)





SchoolHouse Connection Updates



State Coordinators Annual Meeting

May 5, 2022



About SchoolHouse Connection

SchoolHouse Connection works to **overcome homelessness through education**. We provide strategic advocacy and practical assistance in partnership with schools, early childhood programs, institutions of higher education, service providers, families, and youth.

- Federal and state policy advocacy
- Q&A from our inbox
- Webinars and implementation tools
- Youth leadership and scholarship
- FB Group: facebook.com/groups/SchoolHouseConnection
- Newsletter: schoolhouseconnection.org/sign-up/



K-12 Practice

ARP-HCY

- [Local Spotlights Weekly](#)
- [AASA checklist](#) and [May 10 webinar](#)
- Tailored assistance

Learning Modules

- Coming Fall 2022!
- Targeted training for specific staff groups



District Checklist:

Using American Rescue Plan Funds to
Identify and Support Students
Experiencing Homelessness & Housing
Instability

K-12 Contact: karen@schoolhouseconnection.org

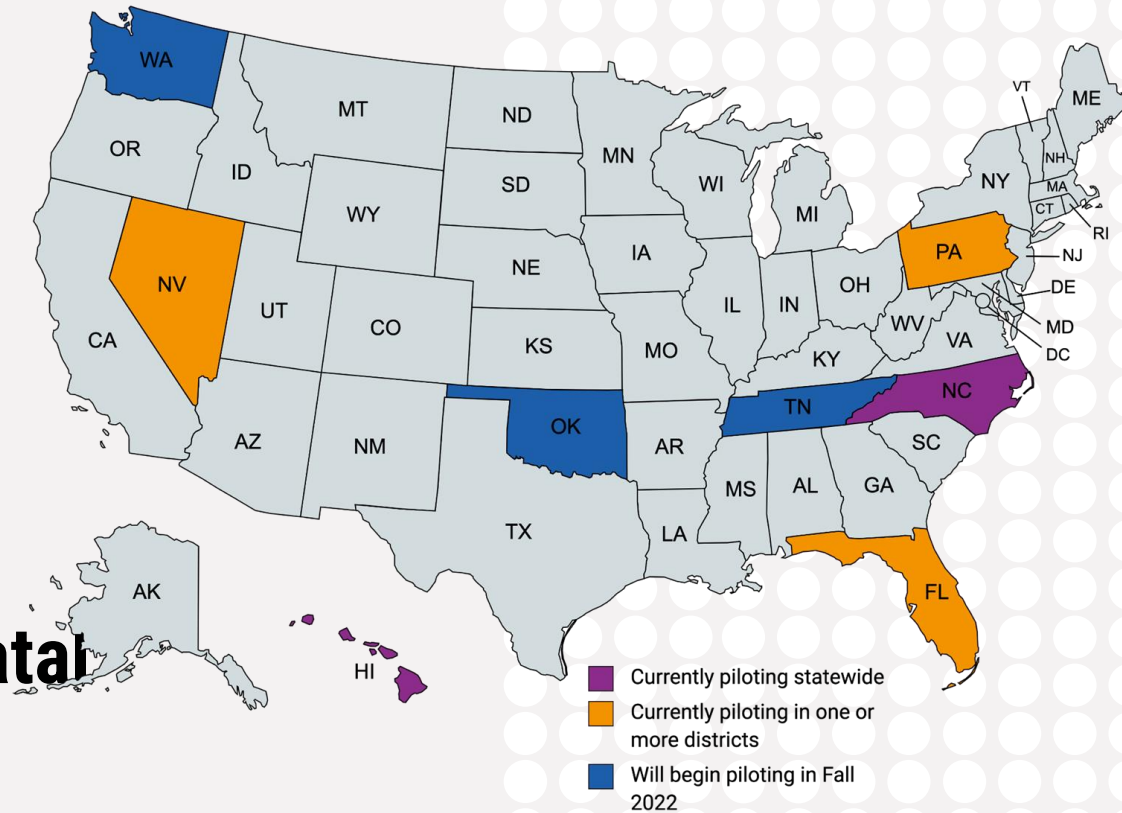
Early Childhood

HeadStart App Update

- Currently piloting in 5 states, more coming on board in the fall

Pritzker Children's Initiative Prenatal to 3 Work

- Increasing enrollment of infants and toddlers across 20 states through data dashboards and practical assistance



Higher Education

Implementation of the FAFSA Simplification Act: Removing Barriers to Financial Aid for Homeless and Foster Youth

- [Click Here to Download the Full Two-Page Summary](#)
- [Click Here to Download a Simplified One-Pager](#)



THE FAFSA SIMPLIFICATION ACT:

Youth Experiencing Homelessness and Youth with Experience in Foster Care



→ Learn More

Higher Education Contact: jillian@schoolhouseconnection.org

State Policy Advocacy

- In 2022, SHC helped pass bills in [Alabama](#), [Florida](#), and [Virginia](#)
- We also launched the first cohort of our State Policy Fellows Program
- Our state policy work is expansive and spans many states across the U.S. The advocacy generally falls within the following buckets:
 - Laws allowing unaccompanied homeless minors to consent for housing and shelter services
 - Laws empowering unaccompanied minors to consent for routine medical care
 - Laws that mitigate the effects of mobility to help students experiencing homelessness graduate from high school
 - Laws supporting students experiencing homelessness in higher education
- You can find more on our state policy work [here](#).

State Policy Contact: rodd@schoolhouseconnection.org

Federal Policy Advocacy

- 92 US Reps signed a letter calling for \$800 million for EHCY in FY23 budget
- Higher Education Youth Congressional Briefing [\[Register Here\]](#)
- Coming soon: Web-based K12 Homeless Data Dashboards by state, LEA, county, and Congressional district



Youth Leadership & Scholarship

- Orlando and DC trips this June and July for 2021 and 2022 scholars
- Launching a “Youth Policy Corp” next year to support youth engagement in advocacy.



Contact: jordyn@schoolhouseconnection.org &

Questions?



Get Involved:

National Network for Youth (NN4Y)

STATE COORDINATORS MEETING - MAY 2022



AGENDA

01. About NN4Y

02. Federal Policy Priorities

03. Runaway and Homeless Youth Act

04. Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations Requests

05. Low-Income Housing Tax Credit
“Student Rule” Fix

06. Administrative Policy Priorities



No young person should ever experience homelessness. Yet, each year, an estimated 4.2 MILLION youth and young adults experience homelessness.

NN4Y is dedicated to preventing and eradicating youth homelessness in America.

NN4Y Programs



FEDERAL POLICY

With our network of young leaders and service providers we work to expand public resources and implement common-sense policies that prevent and respond to youth and young adult homelessness.



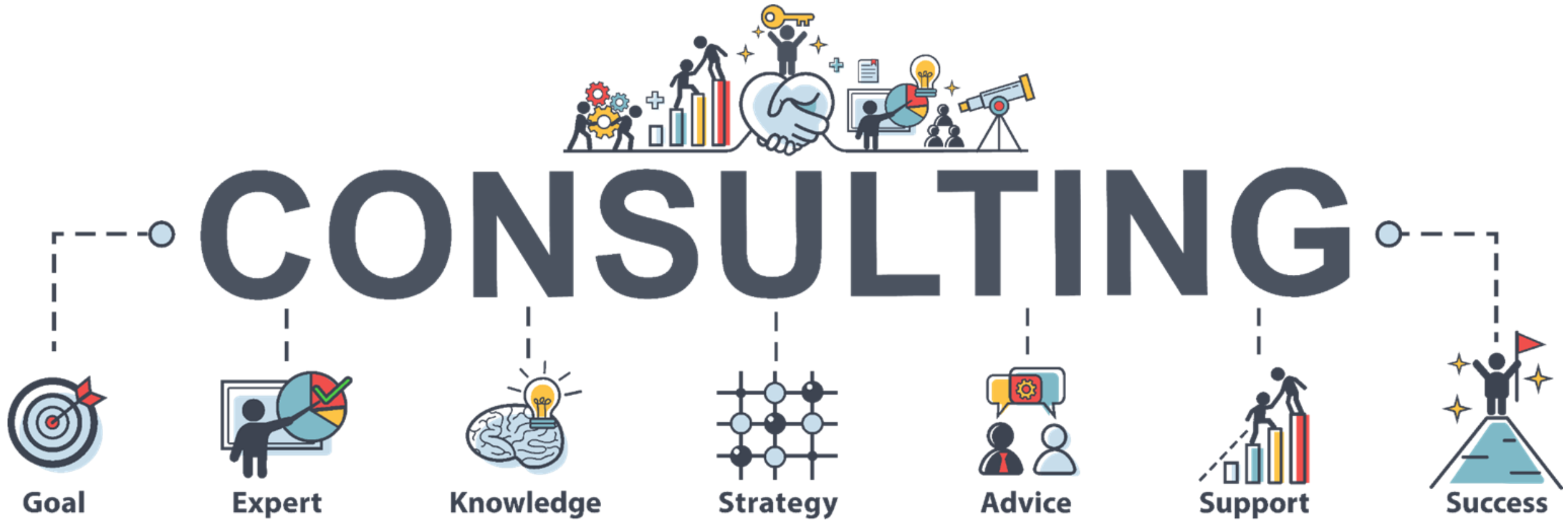
YOUTH + YOUNG ADULT PARTNERSHIPS

We invest in young leaders through our NYAC to educate policymakers, service providers, and community officials throughout the country about youth and young adult homelessness and advocate for solutions so that no young person in America has to experience even one day of homelessness.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

We provide on-the-ground support in local communities to address the root causes of homelessness among young people, identify gaps in services and support, and build strong collaborative relationships amongst youth-serving agencies in communities nationwide, leading to improved youth outcomes and system functioning.



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We provide a host of onsite and virtual individual and small-group consulting services. For more information visit:
<https://nn4youth.org/consultation-request/>

NN4Y MEMBERSHIP

An advocate in DC fighting to expand resources and implement common-sense policies

Unique discounts

Breaking policy and practice news

Strategic Consultation + Technical Assistance

Opportunity to take a leadership role on the NN4Y Policy Advisory Committee

Opportunities for members to hear directly from + share their concerns with key policymakers and other thought leaders

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 for YOUTH

I AM HERE: ID AND VITAL DOCUMENT **LEGAL HOTLINE FOR YOUTH** **1-833-743-4343**

MAY 2022 HOTLINE HOURS

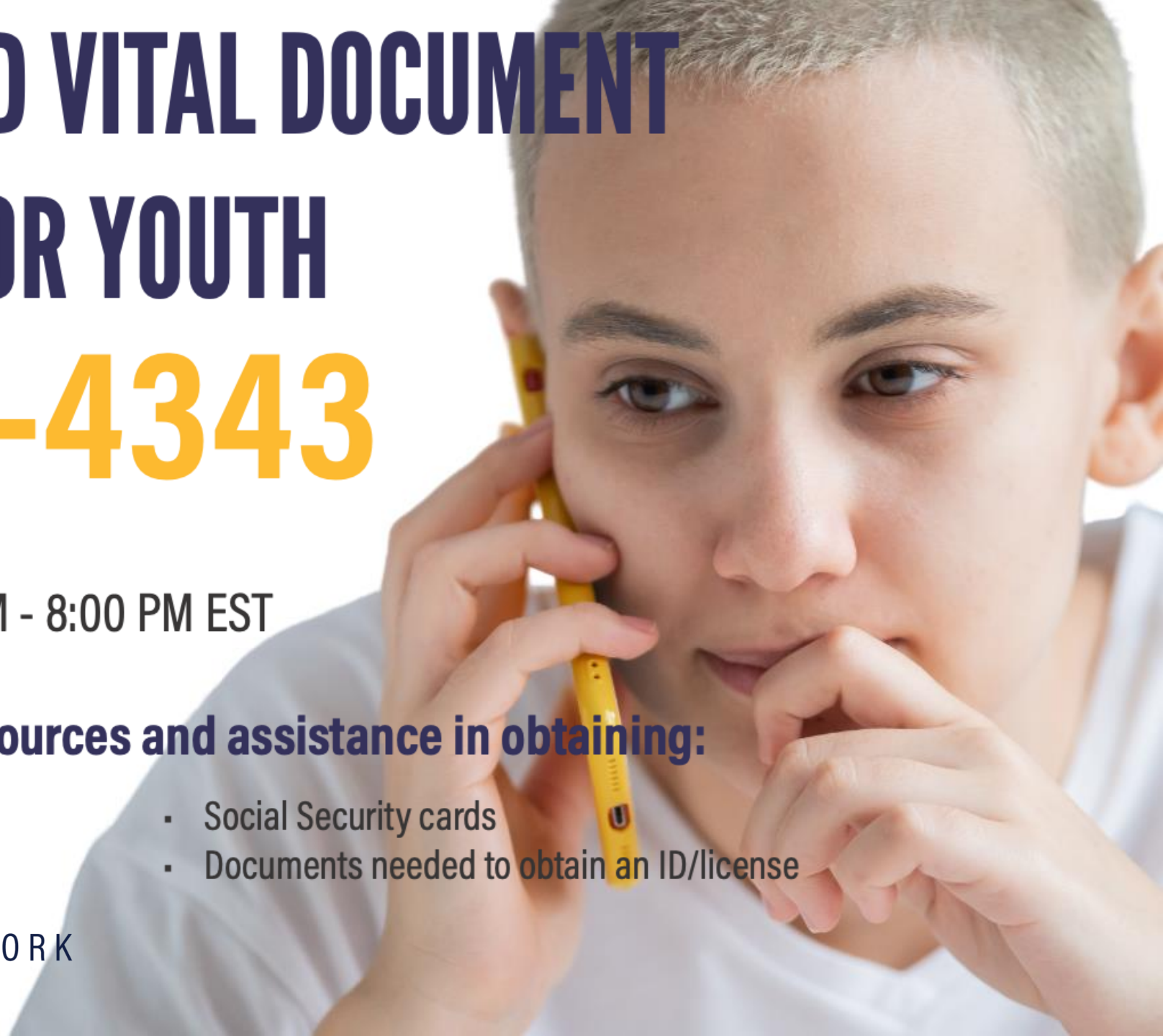
TUESDAYS + THURSDAYS | 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM EST

The free hotline can provide resources and assistance in obtaining:

- State ID cards and licenses
- Birth certificates
- Social Security cards
- Documents needed to obtain an ID/license

**Baker
McKenzie.**

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Federal Policy Priorities

Current Context for Federal Policy

- Democrats in control of House, Senate, and Executive Branch
- **A 50-50 Senate and very narrow House majority mean a bipartisan approach is especially important**
- Current focuses of Congress:
 - **FY23 approps has kicked off- “earmarks”** [House deadlines last month](#)
 - Possibly Another COVID Relief Package
 - Sen. Judiciary- Trafficking Victims Protection Act (TVPA)
 - Jan 6 hearings/investigation
 - Elections on November 8

NN4Y 2023 POLICY PRIORITIES

RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH TRAFFICKING PREVENTION ACT

co-sponsor after introduction

FY 2023 FUNDING

\$300 million - Runaway &
Homeless Youth Act

\$800 million - Education for
Homeless Children & Youth Act

LIHTC “STUDENT RULE” FIX

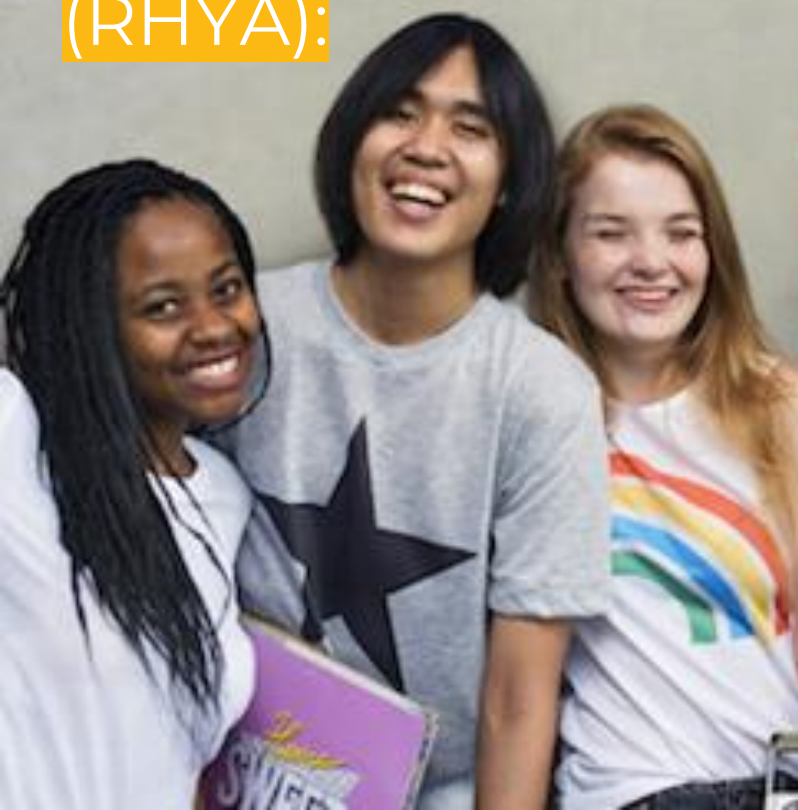
co-sponsor Affordable Housing
Credit Improvement Act

ADMINISTRATIVE ADVOCACY

RUNAWAY AND HOMELESS YOUTH TRAFFICKING PREVENTION ACT OF 2022



The following vital programs are made possible by the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA):



1

STREET OUTREACH

provides education, prevention, treatment, counseling, connection, and referrals to vital services to prevent sexual abuse and human trafficking for youth at-risk of and experiencing trafficking and homelessness.

2

BASIC CENTER

provides temporary housing with, counseling, therapeutic family intervention, connection to education, and supportive services for minors experiencing homelessness for youth under the age of 18.

3

TRANSITIONAL LIVING/MATERNITY HOME

provides temporary housing with, counseling, therapeutic family intervention, connection to education, and supportive services for minors experiencing homelessness for youth under the age of 18.

4

NATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

24/7 national phone, text, and online communications system which connects youth and families in crisis with prevention services and reunifies families.

5

NATIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER

provides training and technical assistance to all RHYA grantees.

Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act (RHYTPA)

- Adds the option of online and social media methods for outreach to youth
- New optional prevention services program
- Involve people identified as family of youth in counseling and therapeutic services as appropriate.
- Coordinate services with McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaisons
- Ensure youth know of their eligibility of the Free application for Student Aid (FAFSA) and help with completion
- 5 year grants (staggered every 2-3 years)
- Geographic distribution will be considered when issuing grants
- Programs are to provide training to staff on human trafficking, trauma, sexual abuse, and assault
- Mandatory non-discriminatory practices
- Increases length of stay for BCP
- Fix the 20 bed/bldg issue
- Increases age of eligibility for TLP to 25

Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act (RHYTPA)

CURRENT STATUS

Waiting for Senate and House to
introduce bill

Champions:

Senate: Leahy (D-VT) +
Collins (R-ME)

House: Yarmuth (D-KY) +
Bacon (R-NE)

ASK

Make it a priority of each committee:

- Senate: Judiciary Committee
- House: Ed & Labor Committee

Cosponsor after introduction

FISCAL YEAR 2023 APPROPRIATIONS REQUESTS



Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations Requests

\$300 Million for the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (RHYA) Program

Continue previous report language plus include additional report language to:

- **Allow RHYA providers to serve system involved youth**
- Allow RHYA providers to serve youth funded by other sources within the program

Talking Points:

- To support approximately 1,400 RHYA projects in communities across the US that meet our young people where they are.
- To allow approximately 49,034 young people access housing and connect with 70,000 youth via street outreach and drop-in centers.

\$800 Million for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) Program

Talking points:

- This continues the American Rescue Plan \$800 that was both more flexible than the McKinney-Vento EHCY program and also allowed community-based programs to receive funding and formally partner with public schools to improve outcomes for children and youth.
- **Public school identified nearly 1.3 million homeless children and youth in the 2019-2020 school year. Yet, less than 1 in 4 school districts receive direct support through EHCY.**

Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations Requests

CURRENT STATUS

President's budget has been released

Funding bills originate in the U.S. House of Representatives

ASK

- Ask your U.S. House Representative to sign “Dear Colleague Letter”
- Include \$300 million for Runaway and Homeless Youth Act and \$800 million for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Act in your personal request to the appropriations committee

LIHTC “STUDENT RULE” FIX





**TELL CONGRESS TO
PASS THE STUDENT
RULE FIX**

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Pass the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Student Rule Fix

- **Current problem:** Youth can't live in Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) funded housing and be a full time student. This means that young people either have to attend college part-time or not at all- both of which results in youth not attending or completing higher education institutions.
- **Solution:** There is simple no-cost legislation that would fix this issue so that youth can live in LIHTC funded housing and still attend college full time.

Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Student Rule Fix

CURRENT STATUS

Include the bipartisan legislative text from the [Housing for Homeless Students Act](#) in the FY22 omnibus legislation- **it doesn't carry a costs**

Pass the “student rule” fix included in the [Affordable Housing and Credit Improvement Act](#) of 2021 (S. 1136/H.R. 2573)

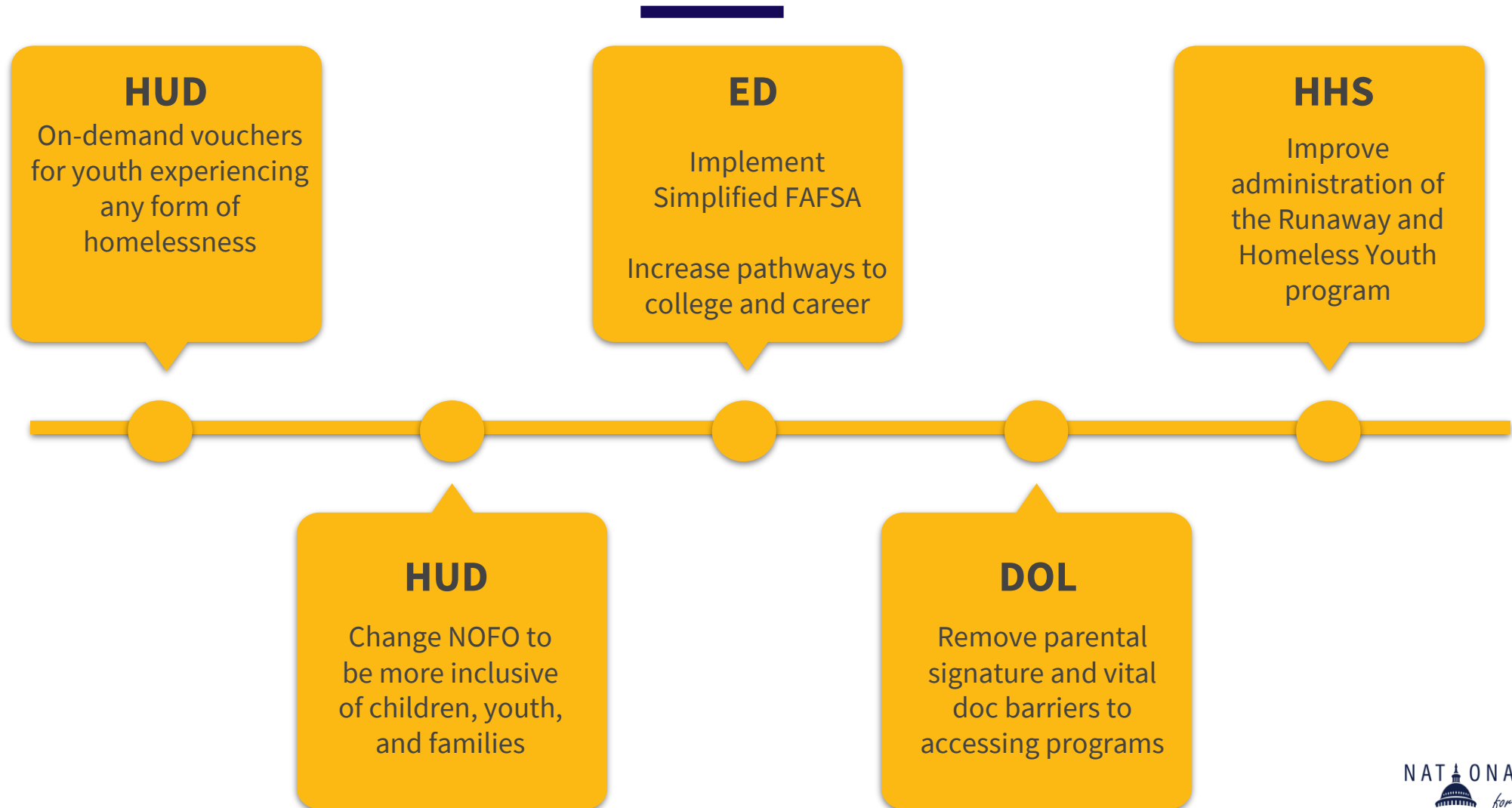
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Language to fix this issue should be included in any moving piece of language

ADMINISTRATIVE ADVOCACY



Administrative Policy Priorities



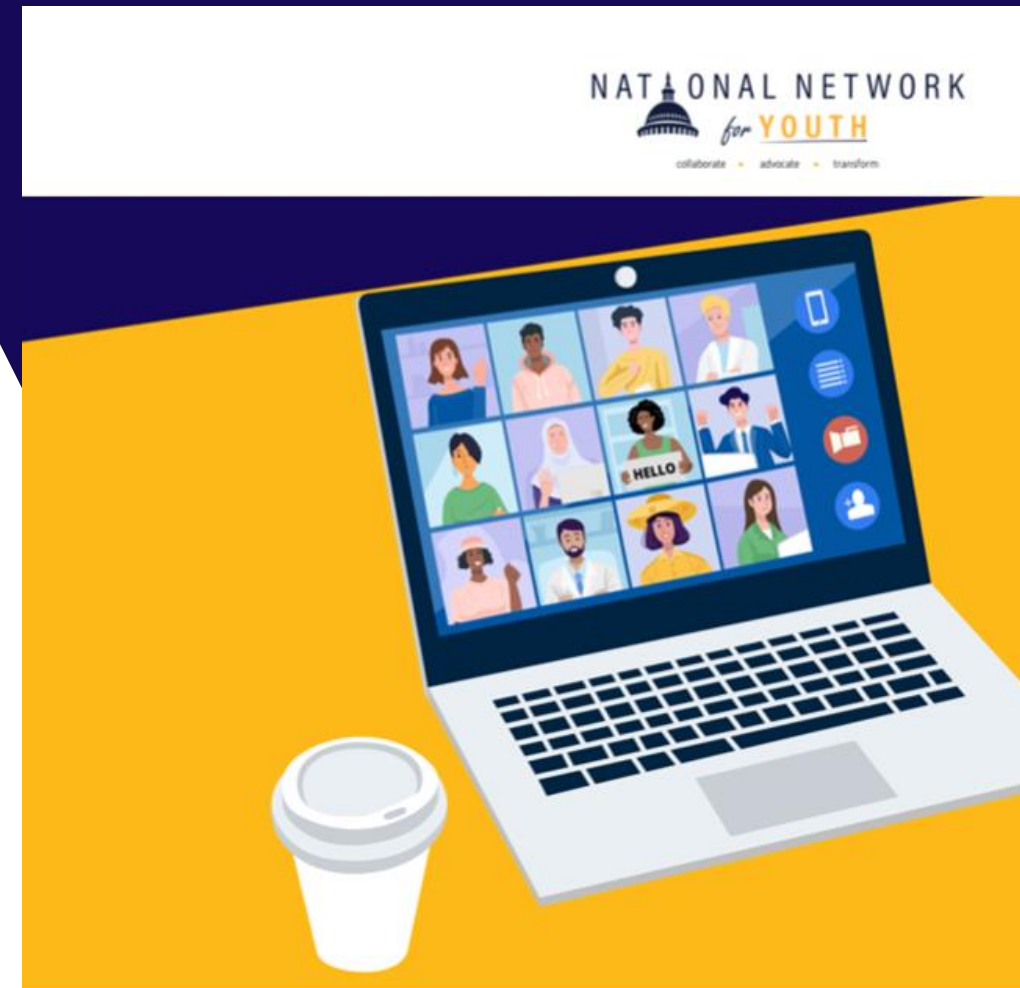


“You are powerful--your lived experiences and expertise should shape the policies that are created.”

Virtual Advocacy Resource

You can also [watch this video](#) which covers how to schedule and prepare for your congressional meetings.

[Download.](#)



VIRTUAL ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

An Advocate's Guide on How to Effectively Build Relationships with Policymakers in a Virtual World

**A PRESIDENTIAL AGENDA FOR
SOLVING YOUTH AND YOUNG
ADULT HOMELESSNESS IN
AMERICA**



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 for **YOUTH**

NN4Y Policy Priorities

Young Leaders + Provider
Network of Members

You can also [watch this
video](#) which provides the
high level content.

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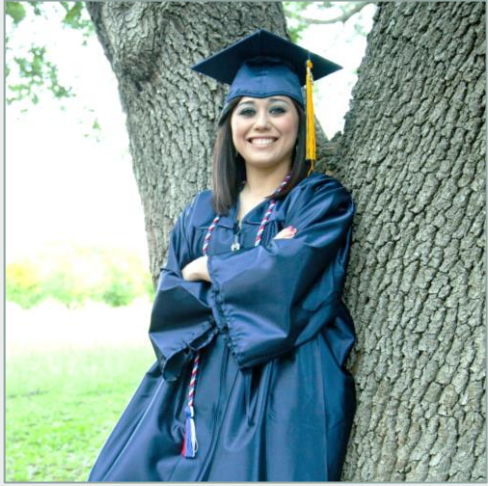
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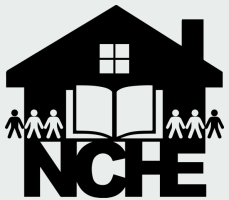
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Welcome Back!

2022 Annual State Coordinator Meeting
Thursday, May 5 (Day 2)



Today's Agenda

- State Coordinator of the Year
- Facilitated Learning and Discussion Sessions: Partnering for Success

----- Break -----

- Leveraging Data for Impact
- Day 2 reflections and adjournment

Housekeeping

- Please **share your webcam** as you feel comfortable doing so
- Please **keep your line muted** when not speaking
- We will be using **breakout rooms**
- Keep things interactive through **audio, chat, and virtual reactions**
- **Handouts** are available at <https://nche.ed.gov/state-coordinators-meeting/>

Icebreaker!



It's Cinco de Mayo!!!

Please share in the chat:
Any plans for an exciting Thursday night?

Yes or no?

(feel free to explain your response)

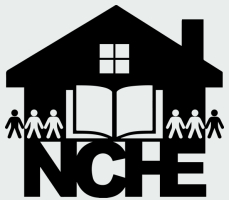
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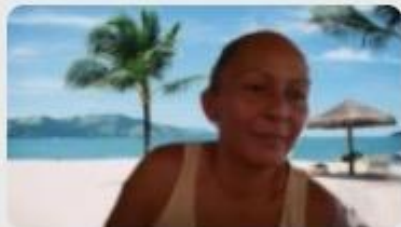
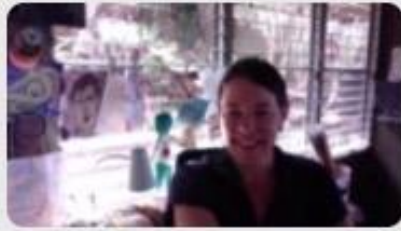
State Coordinator of the Year

Toby Portner (Hawaii)



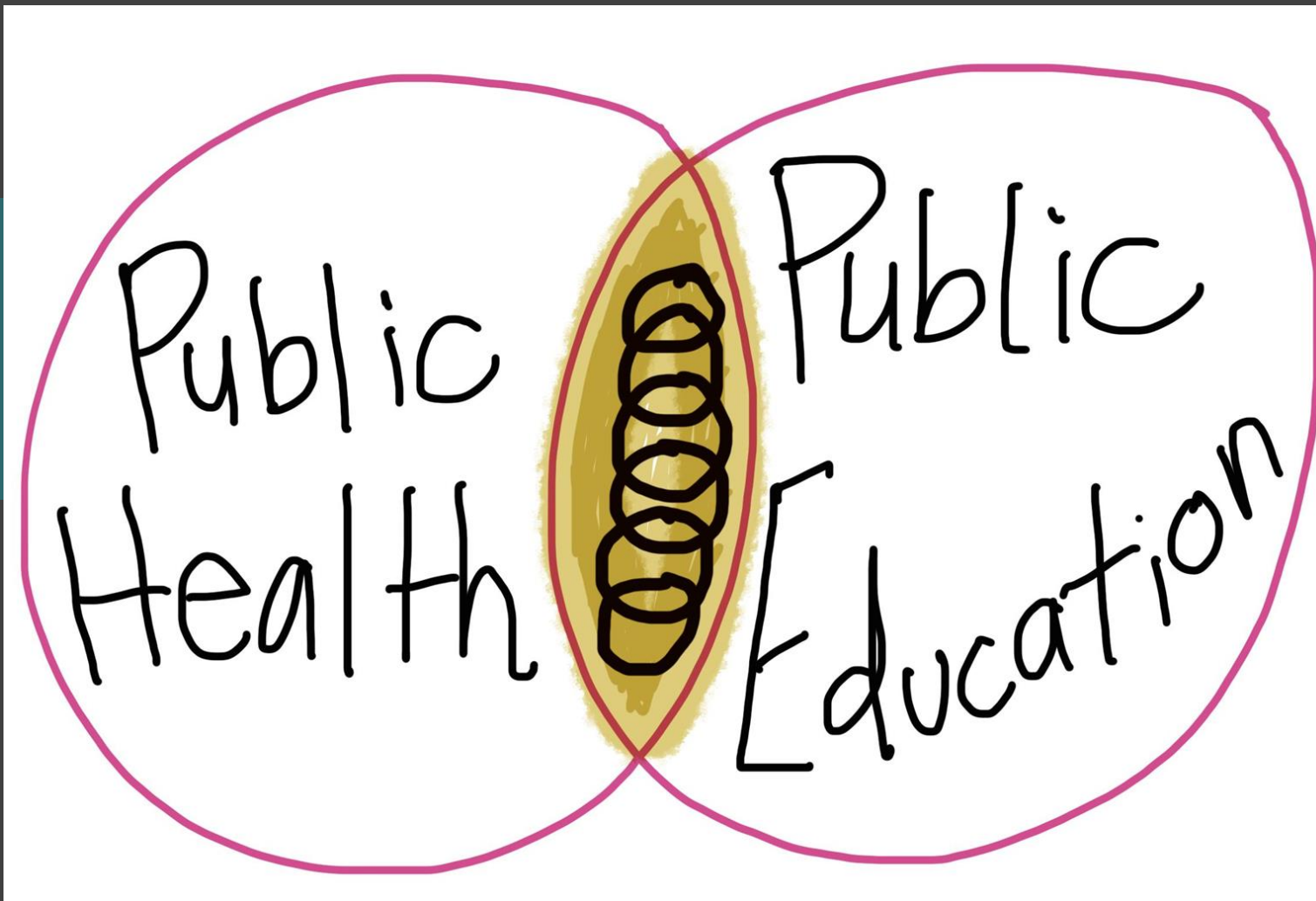
NAEH CY 2020 State Coordinator of the Year

- Introduction by Yatisha Blythe, Program Specialist, National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE)
- Remarks by Toby Portner, State Coordinator for Homeless Education, Hawaii





DOE Homeless Coordinators, Brianna Levy (Social Worker) and Toby Portner (Hawaii State Education of Homeless Children & Youth Coordinator)



exploring the intersections

NAVIGATORS



TRANSPORTATION



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OUTREACH &
REENGAGEMENT



COMMUNITY
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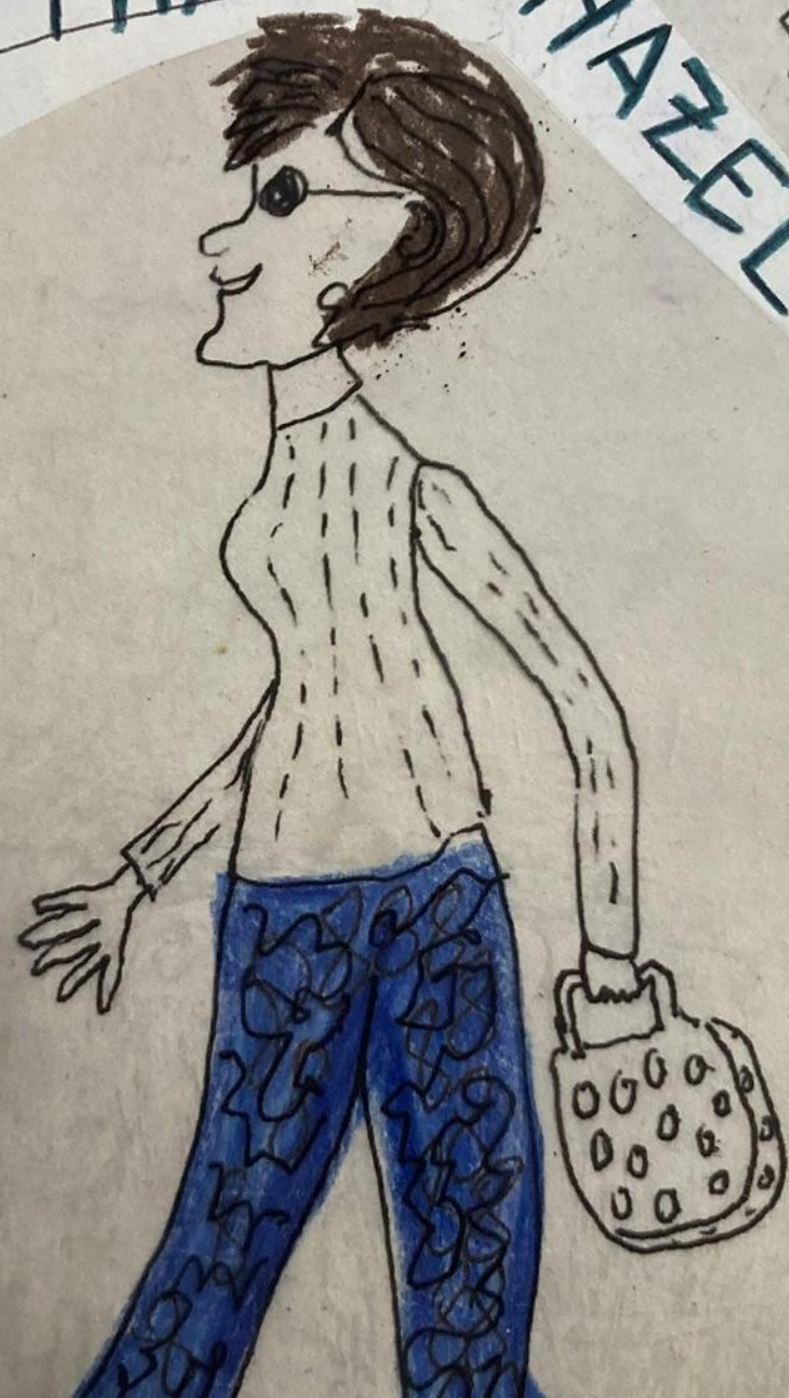


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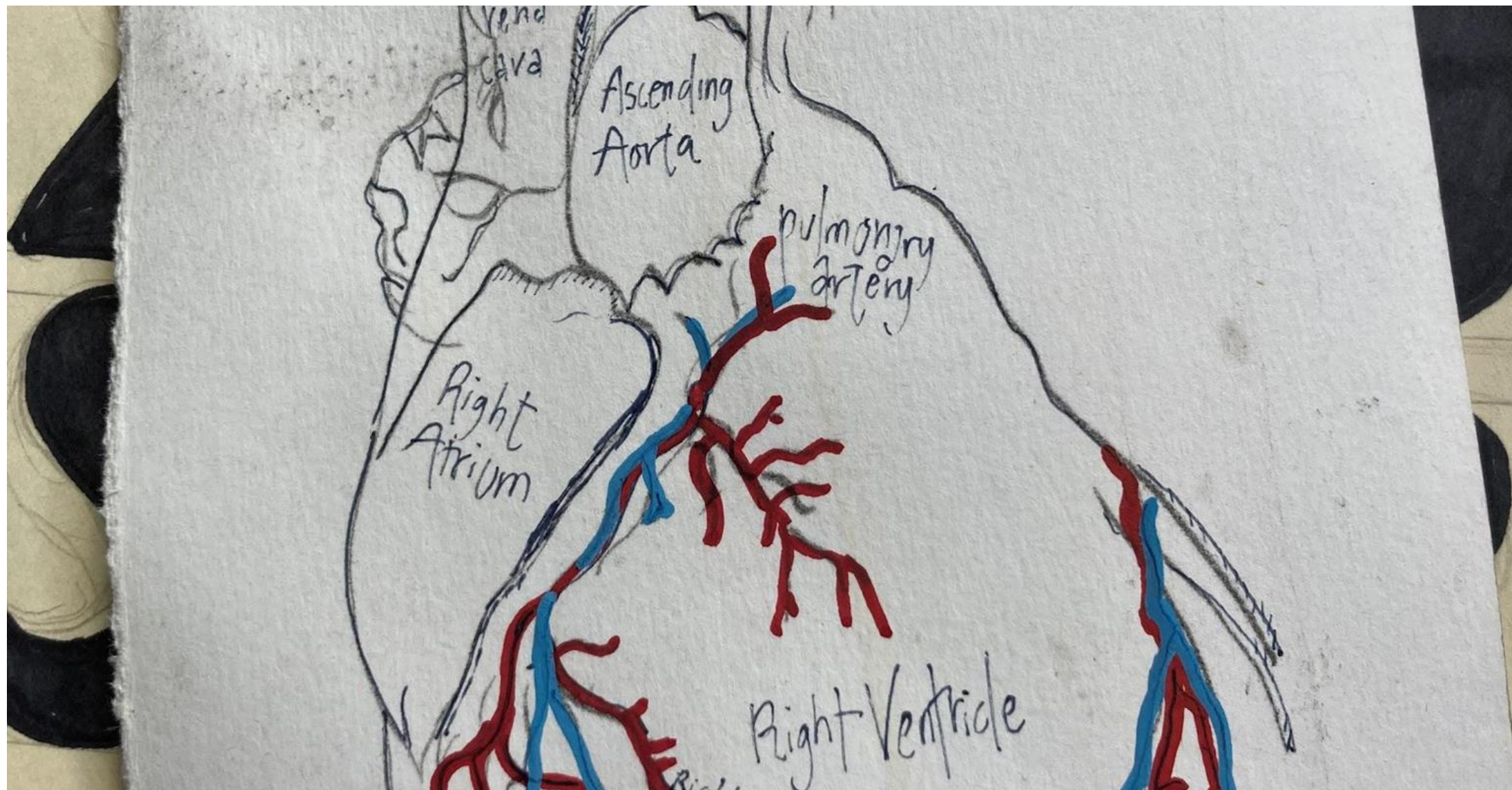


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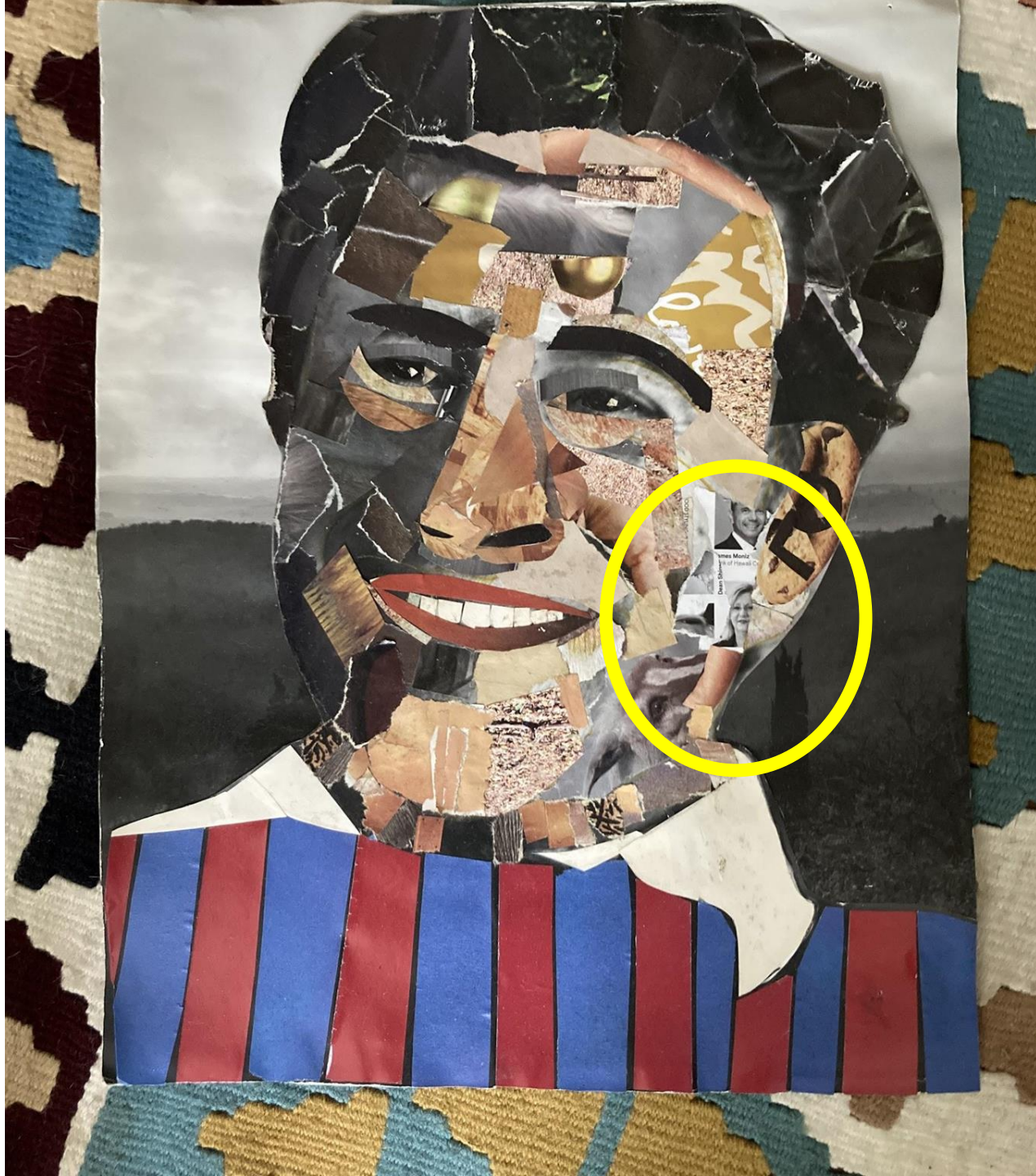
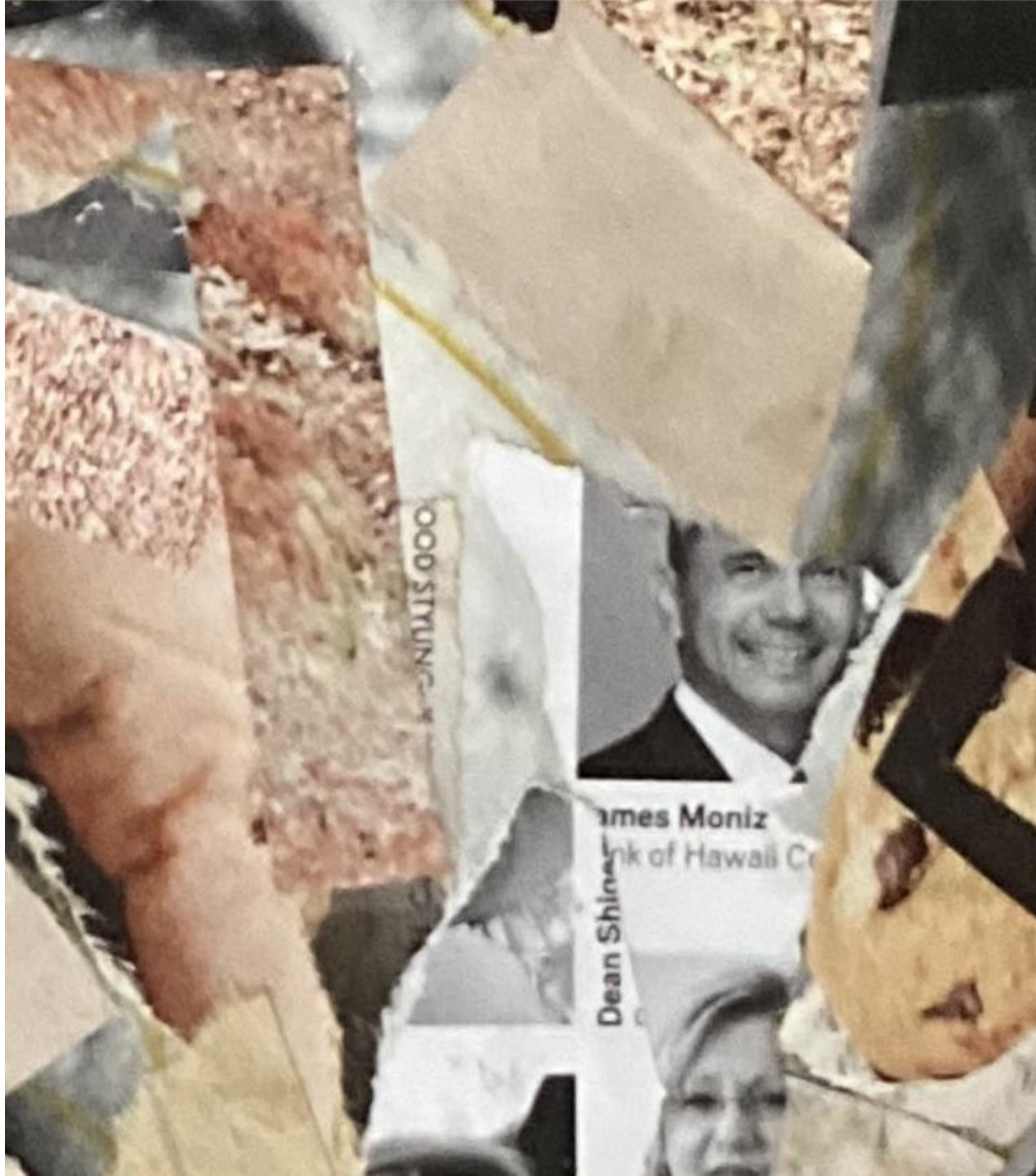


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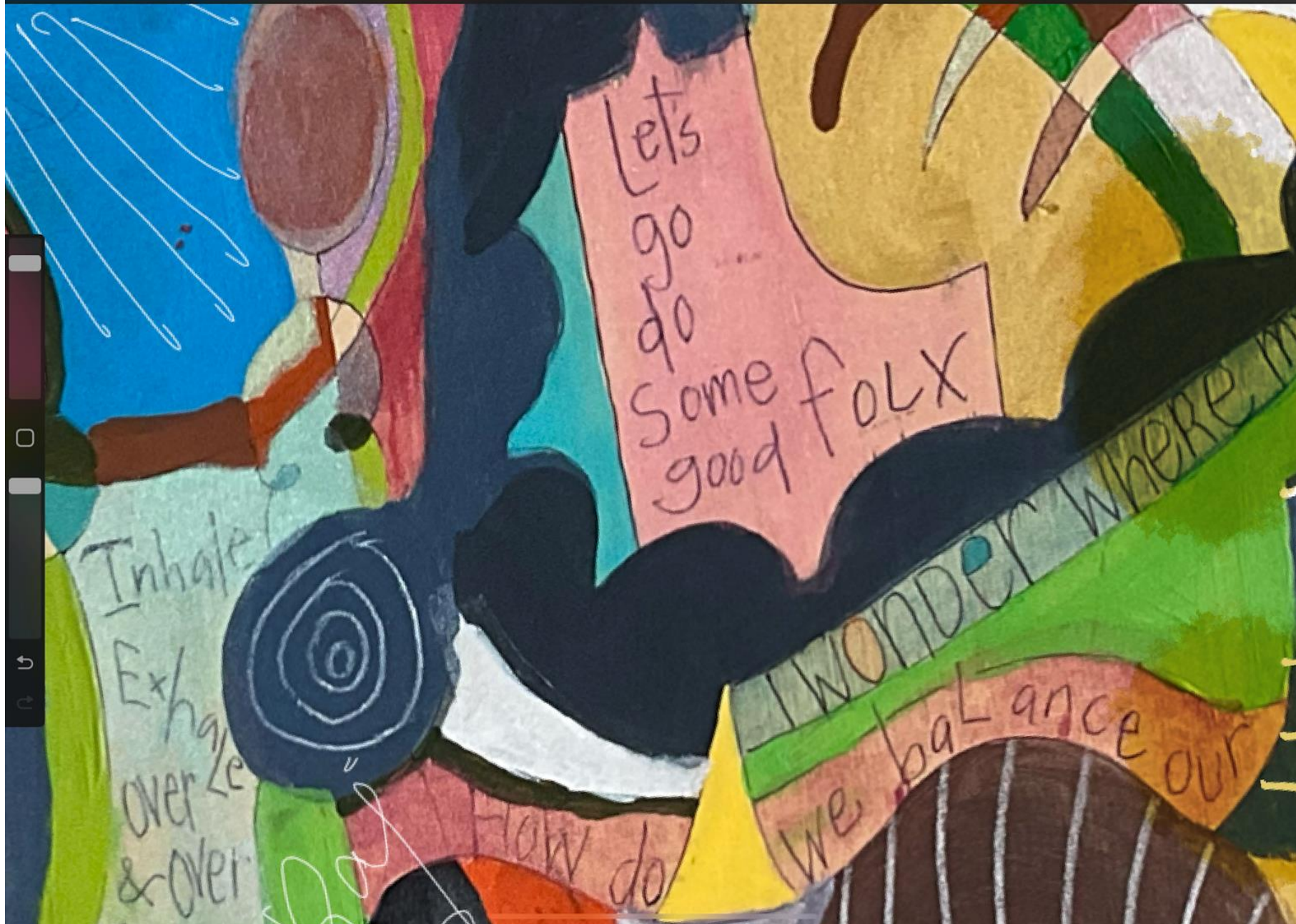
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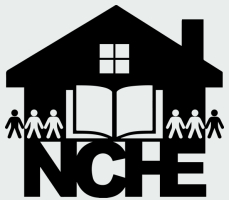


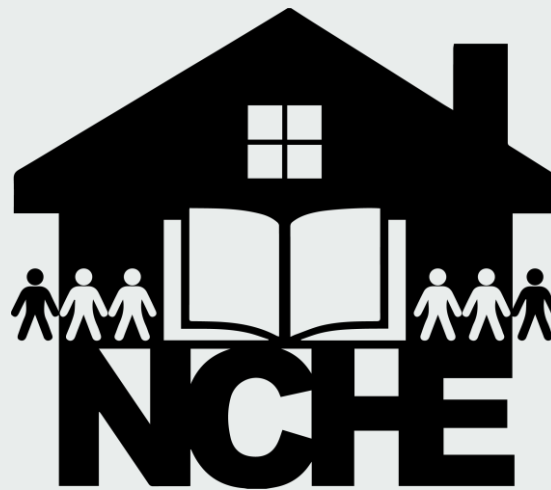




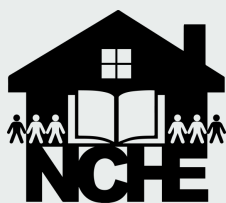
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Partnering to Support Our Students





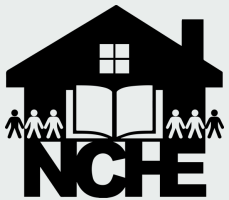
Debrief





Stretch Break

The meeting will resume at _____





Leveraging Data for Impact Moving Forward

NCHE 2022 Annual State Coordinator Meeting



Your Presenter



Christina Endres
Program Specialist
National Center for Homeless
Education
cendres@serve.org

Identification Indicators

Indicator	SY 2004-05 through SY 2019-20	SY 2004-05 through SY 2020-21
Average annual change	5%	4%
Average three-year change	8.7%	6.7%
Percent of all students	2.5%	2.2%
Percent of free lunch qualified students	5.8%	5.7%

State Coordinator Panelists



Emily Peeler
Iowa



Katy Preston
Vermont

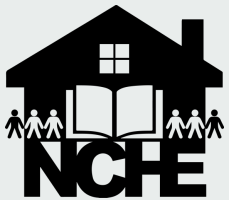


Suzanne Peck
Idaho

Questions?



Reflections and Adjournment



Reflections from Today

Share in the chat or over audio (please raise your hand to indicate that you'd like to speak)

- Key takeaways from today?
- Lingering questions from today?
- Other reflections?



Up Next

- Join us tomorrow
 - National Agencies Meet and Greet (*optional*)
Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB), U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness (USICH)
12:30-1:20 PM ET / 11:30 AM-12:20 PM CT / 10:30-11:20 AM MT
9:30-10:20 AM PT / 6:30-7:20 AM HT
 - Greetings from the Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
 - Best Practices and Sustainability
 - U.S. Department of Education Digital Equity Initiative
 - State Coordinator Meeting Day 3
1:30-4:00 PM ET





Buenas tardes